

Friday, May 24, 2013

Crime Activity for the Week of March 25, 2013

1 unlocked contractor's vehicle entered during the day on Tuesday, May 21

100 block of Summerfield Road: A laptop computer was taken from the seat of a contractor's unlocked pickup truck parked on the street.

Recent Robberies in Upper Northwest DC

None in the Village; residents are advised to remain alert

The Metropolitan Police have experienced several armed robberies of citizens walking in the evening hours in nearby upper northwest DC. Typically, an individual victim is approached by 2 or more suspects who demand money and electronics. Residents are urged to walk in groups in well-lit areas, and to stay focused on their surroundings; avoid wearing earphones and texting while walking.

Spike in DC's Thefts from Autos

Village residents are reminded to lock their cars and remove valuables

DC's 2nd District reports that, year-to-date, the number of thefts from autos has doubled. The Village has been fortunate by comparison, but residents are reminded that criminals often disregard jurisdictional boundaries. The Police Department needs your help to prevent these crimes. Residents are strongly urged to lock their cars and remove valuables every time they park.

DC Police were involved in a confrontation with an armed suspect on

Western Avenue near Kirkside Drive; shots fired by DC police; no injuries

Due to some recent crimes in nearby DC neighborhoods, officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) were patrolling the streets of upper northwest watching for signs of criminal activity. At

approximately 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, MPD officers approached two suspicious men on Western Avenue near Kirkside Drive. During the interaction, officers discovered that one of the suspects was armed with a handgun. That suspect suddenly ran from the police in a northerly direction toward the Village; the other individual remained with the police. As the suspect continued to run, he reportedly turned back toward the pursuing officer with the gun in his hand; in response, the pursuing MPD officer fired his sidearm at the suspect. The suspect was last seen jumping a backyard fence behind a home on Western Avenue.

Montgomery County and Chevy Chase Village Police responded to assist DC police with an intensive search for the suspect. Via an "Urgent Alert" sent via email, Village residents were alerted of the incident and advised to remain inside their locked homes. In spite of the efforts of a helicopter, several tracking dogs and dozens of police officers, the suspect was not located. The suspect was described as a black male in his 20s, with short hair, weighing approximately 200 pounds, with facial hair and a tattoo "1994" on his right arm. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and a black head wrap.

An on-scene investigation revealed that the initial confrontation and the gunshots occurred in the District of Columbia. MPD continued their investigation of the crime scene into the morning daylight, and at about 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, they located a discarded handgun on the lawn of a home on Western Avenue where the suspect was seen running.